

## LIVES LOST.

Mary Maher and John O'Malley  
Perish in Flames.

Hancock's Lodging-House on North  
Third Street Burned.

NARROW ESCAPE OF SEVERAL LODGERS  
FROM DEATH.

John Conrad Taken From His Room  
Nearly Suffocated and Sent to  
the Hospital—Fire Caused by a  
Gasoline Stove Explosion—Gallant  
Rescue by the Firemen—Loss and In-  
surance on the Property.

A fire at 1008 and 1007 North Third street  
shortly after 2 o'clock this morning caused  
the death of two persons and the serious  
injury of one. The dead are Mary Maher, 45  
years old, a dishwasher in the Commercial

Hotel, and John O'Malley, a porter in Michael  
O'Malley's saloon at Third and Carr  
streets. The injured man is John Conrad.  
The fire was caused by the explosion of a  
gasoline stove in the restaurant on the ground  
floor.

At 2 o'clock, as usual, Charles Palmer, the  
cook in Fred Wyand's restaurant, at 1008  
North Third street, started his fire in the  
gasoline stove to get his breakfast ready for  
the farmers who bring in the early morning  
produce. He had hardly lighted the stove  
when there was an explosion and the flames  
shot up to the ceiling and spread with re-  
markable rapidity. Palmer rushed out to the  
street and up-stairs where William Hancock  
runs a cheap lodging-house on the second  
and third floors of the building, the rooms  
extending both over Wyand's place and that  
of Thomas Whalen, a commission merchant.

He shouted fire as he ran with the hope of  
rousing the inmates. Hancock was awak-  
ened by the cook's cry, and springing to  
the hall saw the flames coming  
up around a stove-pipe  
which penetrated from the floor below.  
Thinking he could extinguish them himself,  
he got a couple of buckets of water and made  
the effort, but so fierce had been the progress  
of the fire that he made no impression on it  
and had his face badly burned in the at-  
tempt.

DEVELOPED IN FLAMES.  
A regular alarm was turned in, but before  
the firemen arrived the whole house was  
filled with smoke and fire. There were  
fifteen lodgers in the building, and they  
became panic-stricken. Those on the north  
side of the house scrambled onto the third  
floor and made their escape onto the flat  
roof of an adjoining building, but those on  
the south side were in a most alarming pre-  
dicament. The house had once been an old  
hotel, where an elevator had been run.  
The chute still remained from the  
second floor to the third, and having  
eaten through the floor of the third  
story shot up this as the only means of escape  
for those who were on the second floor.  
At that time and they quickly filled with smoke  
and fire.

The cries of the suffocating bewildered in-  
mates resounded through the house and  
could be heard down the street. John  
Burns, one of the lodgers, heard Chris Shaeffer  
screaming in his room and kicking in his  
door which had been locked and which the  
confused man had been unable to unfasten,  
dragged him to a window and put him out on  
the roof.

MARY MAHER FOUND.  
When the firemen arrived they turned on  
several streams and under cover of these  
started in to save those who were left in the  
burning building. They found Mary Maher,  
whose room was in the far southwest cor-  
ner of the building, lying on the floor with her  
night clothes burned off and her hair  
practically cooked. She was dead, her  
body was carried down through the lodgers  
house of Thomas Kelly, which was adjoining  
a window which had been boarded up  
being knocked down before doing so. John  
Conrad was also found on this floor. He was  
unconscious, but was revived with cold wa-  
ter and sent by way of the Dispensary to the  
City Hospital. Several others were taken  
out in a more or less unconscious condition,  
but nothing serious is expected, except, per-  
haps, in Conrad's case.

KELLY'S LODGERS THREATENED.  
In the meantime there were stirring scenes  
going on in Kelly's lodging house  
adjoining it. It was this building which  
had shut off the escape of Hancock's board-  
ers from the second story, and Hancock's  
building served a like purpose for those of  
Kelly on the northern side.

The flames quickly ate through the shell  
partition between the two places, and the  
third story of Kelly's place became ex-  
posed. Mrs. Maher, who was in the room  
of a young girl, occupied a room on

the third floor, was overcome by the smoke  
and was carried down stairs on the back of  
the proprietor. A Mrs. Kelly, an aged rheu-  
matic, was rescued by the firemen from a  
third-story window, being brought to the  
street down a ladder. When Andrew Harri-  
son woke up the smoke was so thick he was  
obliged to crawl along the floor on his  
stomach to find the staircase.

Fortunately the fast work of the firemen  
soon got the flames under control, and they  
even saved the building from being a total  
wreck.

LOSS AND INSURANCE.  
William Hancock estimates his loss at \$200.  
He has no insurance whatever. Thomas  
Whalen's loss, consisting of damage to stock  
and wagons, amounts to \$700. It is fully cov-  
ered. Frederick Wyand's loss is about \$50,  
and he also has insurance. The  
building is owned by Jacob  
Schopp & Bro., commission merchants,  
at 310 North Third street. It is damaged to  
the extent of \$1,000 and is fully insured.

This place has been very unfortunate in  
recent years. In 1891 a fire broke out in  
the restaurant, which was conducted by Mary  
Winson. An alarm was sounded, and when  
the flames were extinguished \$400 damage  
had been done to the contents and \$200 to  
the structure itself. The fire originated be-  
hind the bar of the saloon. Both building  
and contents were insured in excess of the  
damage.

THE HORSE DIED.  
Dave Hickey Charged With Overdriving  
and Mistreating an Animal.  
Dave Hickey, aged 16, living at 1221 North  
fourteenth street hired a horse and buggy  
at Benson's livery stable, Sixth and Main  
streets, yesterday to go to a funeral. The  
said horse had been returned about 10 o'clock,  
overdriven and mistreated, and about ten  
minutes after its return the animal died.  
Hickey was charged with overdriving and  
mistreating the animal.

"DOG EAT DOG."  
The Present Condition of the Strike in  
California.  
SAN FRANCISCO, July 23.—There is a pecu-  
liar state of affairs in the strike situation  
in the West. The general impression of the  
rank and file of the strikers and the pub-  
lic is that the strike is off. The leaders main-  
tain just as persistently that it is on, and  
cite the action of Saturday night's meeting  
of the A. R. U. as proof positive that such is  
the fact. The strikers who attended that  
meeting and voted not to declare the strike  
admit that it is on, but they cannot tell  
what good they are accomplishing. When  
the men were asked to declare the strike  
they stood by their confession themselves ab-  
solutely in the dark.

Lieut. Geary said yesterday that several  
companies would probably be sent home to-  
day.

The Call this morning, in describing the  
situation at Oakland, says: "The condition is  
at present about this: The railroad company  
has set itself up in the position where it does  
not feel inclined to make any concessions,  
and the men seem determined to stand their  
ground as well. It will be a case of dog eat  
dog."

All but Thirty Reinstated.  
CLEVELAND, O., July 23.—As a result of in-  
vestigation by the labor unions it was re-  
vealed that of the large number of rail-  
way men employed on the various roads who  
went out on strike in this city in the general  
tie-up, all but thirty have been reinstated.  
The men were discharged on the ground of  
discharging the non-union men who came in  
during the strike, until now there are very  
few of them in the service.

Seven Switchmen Discharged.  
WEST STAPORON, Wis., July 23.—Seven East-  
ern Wisconsin switchmen were discharged  
last night because they refused to handle  
cars from boycotted roads. They comprise  
the hot-headed element of the A. R. U. and  
the remaining Eastern employees say they  
will handle cars from roads whether boy-  
cotted or not.

Still On.  
SACRAMENTO, Cal., July 23.—A meeting of  
members of the A. R. U., comprising less  
than half the total strength, was held here  
last night. They adopted resolutions de-  
claring that the strike is still on. Many  
of those present were men whose places in the  
company's service have been filled.

## A TEST CASE.

Debs' Plea to the Charge of Violat-  
ing the Court's Injunction.

Much Depends on the Outcome of the  
Strike Leader's Trial.

IF FOUND GUILTY THE CASE WILL GO TO  
THE SUPREME COURT.

And Congress Will Be Asked to Curb  
the Powers of the Federal Judiciary to  
Impound and Punish for Con-  
tempt—Full Text of the Answer of  
A. R. U. Officials.

CHICAGO, Ill., July 23.—What is considered  
by labor leaders and their counsel to be one  
of the most important legal battles in the  
nation's history was begun in the United  
States Circuit Court to-day when President  
Debs, Vice-President Howard, Secretary  
Kellner and Director Rogers of the American  
Railway Union, by their attorneys,  
W. W. Erwin, S. S. Gregory and C. S. Dar-  
row, filed their answer to the contempt pro-  
ceedings against them last week, and came  
themselves into court to make a  
return to the writ.

The defense proposes to  
carry the case to the Supreme Court of the  
United States in the event of an adverse de-  
cision here, and if defeated there, to appeal  
through Congress to the people.

The policy of the defense will be to ques-  
tion the right and power of the court to in-  
junction companies like that obtained by the  
railway companies against Debs and his as-  
sociates and then imprison those enjoined.  
If the injunction be violated, it will be con-  
tended that what the court has done  
amounts to a usurpation of power not given  
to the Federal Judiciary, either by the consti-  
tution or the law.

The defense will follow closely the lines of  
the report of the Boater committee of Con-  
gress which investigated the injunction and  
contempt proceedings against Debs and his  
associates.

Labor organizations throughout the coun-  
try will contribute money to defray the ex-  
penses of this legal struggle. The Ameri-  
can Federation of Labor has given  
\$1,000. Other associations will follow  
and the contest will be carried to the  
highest court in the land.

If the Supreme Court declares the in-  
junction and contempt method to be good  
law Congress will be asked, labor lead-  
ers say, to amend the statutes and curb the  
power of the courts, and every candidate for  
Congress will be asked to pledge himself for  
such reform.

The answer, which was formulated by At-  
torneys W. W. Erwin of St. Paul and S. S.  
Gregory of Chicago, is as follows:

"In the Circuit Court of the United States  
Northern District of Illinois, United States  
of America, complainant, vs. Eugene V.  
Debs, George W. Howard, L. V. Rogers,  
Sylvester Kellner et al., defendants.

"Now come the said defendants, and first  
saying and reserving unto themselves all  
and singular the advantage that may to  
them accrue by reason of the  
many and manifold objections to the in-  
junction and contempt proceedings herein and in the in-  
junction issued thereon by reason whereof  
the defendants say as they are advised that  
the said injunction is in all things wholly  
void and without effect, they jointly and  
severally make answer to the information of  
the said complaint and to the writ of habeas  
corpus, as follows:

"They admit that on the 24 day of July,  
1894, the United States of America caused to  
be filed in the office of the clerk of said court  
for said district a certain complaint or bill in  
equity, they admit that on said day a cer-  
tain writ of injunction was issued by the  
order of said court upon said bill and that a  
copy of the order of the said court direct-  
ing that such writ of in-  
junction be issued is attached to the  
complainant's information herein.

"They admit that the American Railway Union  
is a voluntary association of which many  
thousand employees were at the time of filing  
said bill, and that the said American Rail-  
way Union, and its officers and directors, and  
certain of its members, are and were at the  
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HUMPHRY'S, Broadway and Pine.

The weather to-day: Fair.

A black and white illustration of a man in a suit and hat, looking at a large, multi-bladed propeller or fan. The man is shown in profile, facing right. The propeller is large and has many blades, some of which are dark and some are light. It is positioned in front of him, and he appears to be looking at it with interest. The background is plain.

# Straw Hats!

They've got to go!  
What's left of what was  
the biggest stock of Straw

Hats in St. Louis you can have these summer days at a fraction of their real value. See the lots we've marked to sell for 25c, 50c and 75c in our department. Special in our Men's

Suit stock this week: All our Men's \$25, \$22 and \$20 Suits, in Cheviots, Worsteds and Cassimeres, for **\$15**. Marked with Green Tags.

**F. W. HUMPHREY & CO.**

**LEGAL.**

**NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT**—Notice hereby given to all creditors and others having claims against the partnership estate of J. W. Booth & Sons, deceased, that I, the undersigned surviving partner of said estate, intend to make a final settlement thereof, at the exact location of the Probate Court of the City of St. Louis, to be holden at the Court house in said city on the second Monday of September next, to-wit: the 17th inst., at 10 o'clock A. M. Surviving partner of the partnership estate of J. Booth & Sons  
St. Louis, July 16, 1894. 1

**NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT**—Notice hereby given to all creditors and others having claims against the estate of John N. Booth, deceased, that I, the undersigned executor of said estate, intend to make a final settlement thereof, at the next term of the Probate Court of the City of St. Louis, to be holden at the Court house in said city on the second Monday of September next, to-wit: the 17th inst., at 10 o'clock A. M. Executor of the estate of John N. Booth  
St. Louis, July 16, 1894. 1

to be holden at the Court-house in said city on  
to second Monday of September next.

**WILLIAM BOOTH,**  
Executor of the will of John M. Booth, deceased.  
St. Louis, July 16, 1894.

**ESTATE OF GEORGE ACKERMANN, Deceased.**—Not-  
ice is hereby given that letters testamentary on  
the estate of the said George Ackermann, deceased,  
were granted to the undersigned by the Probate Court  
of the city of St. Louis on the 14th day of July, 1894.  
All persons having claims against said estate  
are required to exhibit to the undersigned their  
allowance within one year after the date of  
these letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit  
thereby, except as to the amount of such claims  
within two years from the date of this publication  
they will be forever barred.

Dated this 14th day of July, 1894.

**MARIA ACKERMANN,**  
**CHRISTOPHER FISCHEK,**  
Executors.

**BROADBENT & REELEY, Attorneys.**

**NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENTS**—Notice is hereby given to all creditors and others interested in the estate of **MARY A. LESLIE**, deceased, that the undersigned administrator of said estate has filed a final settlement thereof as next term of the Probate Court of the City of Los Angeles, to be holden at the Court-house in said city on the second Monday of said next term.

**ANDREW LESLIE**,  
Administrator of the estate of **MARY A. LESLIE**,  
deceased.  
Said, **Los Angeles, July 16, 1924.**

**CREDITORS OF THE Assigned Estate of John F. Poorman**—Take notice that I will on Monday August 12, 1924, apply to the Circuit Court of the City of St. Louis, Room 401, for the discharge of a trust as assignee of **John F. Poorman**.

**CHARLES A. DAVIS**,  
Trustee.  
Said, **St. Louis, 1924.**

**ESTATE of Louis Forcht, deceased**—Notice

It is hereby given that letters of administration were granted to the undersigned by the Probate Court of the County of St. Louis on the 29th day of June, 1894, to the persons having claims against said estate and to the undersigned to exhibit and pay the same within one year after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of said estate within two years from the date of this publication they will be forever barred. Dated this 9th day of July, 1894.

HABERK & SCHNEUMACHER, Attorneys of the Estate.

The 13th Annual meeting of the stockholders of the Missouri Cattle and Hides Provision Co., for the selection of six Directors for the ensuing year, will be transacted on each other business as may come before the meeting, at the Missouri Cattle and Hides Provision Co., 100 Main Street, on Friday, July 13, 1894, from 5 to 6 o'clock p. m.

LOUIS SHAEFER, President.

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made in the payment of certain of the notes of said deceased, the original trustee named in said deed of trust, has departed this life without having completed the performance of his duties as trustee of said trust, and thereupon the Circuit Court of the city of St. Louis, upon the application of the present holder of said notes and deed of trust, did enter an order, to wit: That the said court do enter of record, appoint the undersigned trustee to execute said deed of trust in place of said original trustee; now, to wit: That the said court do execute said deed of trust, and in pursuance of the power vested in me by said order of the Circuit Court of the city of St. Louis, I will:

**WEDNESDAY, THE 14TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1904**  
between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 6 o'clock p. m., at the Court House of the city and county of St. Louis, in the city of St. Louis, State of Missouri, proceed to sell the property hereinbefore described, at public auction to the highest bidder, for each and every one of the principal of said notes.

**THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS.**

ST. LOUIS, Mo., July 21, 1904. 163

TRUSTEE'S SALE.—Whereas, the St. Louis Lumber Co., a corporation, by its certain charter of incorporation, duly filed in the office of the city of St. Louis, Missouri, in book F. P. 172 page 419, conveyed to John H. Kohnsich, trustee, the following described real estate, to-wit: One acre and 85 (85) pieces of hard-wood lumber of different kinds, all marked "J. H. K. trustee of N. W. Bk.," situated in the city of St. Louis, Missouri, on the north-west corner of 134th and Mississippi streets in the east of St. Louis; which conveyance was made in trust to secure the payment of a certain mortgage, and the same described together with interest; and, where default has been made in the payment of said debt, and the same is now due; and whereas, in said charter of deed of trust, has in writing, authorized to execute the powers by said deed in him vested, and he has accordingly done so; and whereas, the said day of July, 1904, being the day of the

appointed the undersigned as successor in said trust.  
Now, therefore, under and in pursuance of the  
provisions of said chattel deed of trust, the undersigned,  
as successor in said trust, at the request of  
the legal holder of said note, will, on  
TUESDAY, THE NINTH DAY OF AUGUST, 1894,  
between the hours of 9 o'clock in the forenoon and  
twelve in the afternoon of said day, at the residence  
of said deceased, at the southeast corner of Fifth and Main  
streets, in the city of St. Louis, State of  
Missouri, proceed to call said personal property, and  
its distribution, to the highest bidder for cash, for  
a purpose as said.

AUGUST HOFFMANN, Trustee.  
St. Louis, Mo., July 14, 1894.  
MAYHEW & WATSON, Attorneys.